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L U N C H E O N

MONDAY, March 19 -- Toots Shor's, 51 West 51st Street
Cocktails at 12 Noon ----- Luncheon at 12:30 PM sharp
Members: \$2.50 -- Guests: \$3. .. Tip and Tax Included

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IRELAND AND THE ATLANTIC PACT

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THE HONORABLE SEAN MacBRIDE

Minister for External Affairs, Republic of Eire

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The youngest foreign minister in Western Europe, Sean MacBride at 47 has already had an adventurous career. Arrested at the age of 12 as a fighter in the Irish Civil War, he rose to become Chief of Staff of the Irish Republican Army. He later became a lawyer and founded the political party which helped elect Prime Minister Costello in 1948.

Now a member of the European steering committee of the Marshall Plan, he is in the U.S. for top-level conferences with high Government officials. In his hard-hitting talk Monday, Mr. MacBride will outline Ireland's position in the hot-and-cold war.

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C O C K T A I L P A R T Y

WEDNESDAY, March 21 ---- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway
5:30 to 7:30 PM -- Admission: Members \$1.--Guests: \$1.50

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LOUIS JOUVET

Distinguished French Actor, and Members of His Troupe

In New York for only a week, the popular French actor-director and two jeune filles from his Paris theater company will pay a visit to the OPC Headquarters Wednesday. Sponsored by the French Government and, in New York, by the American National Theater and Academy, his group will present Moliere's "The School for Wives" at the ANTA Playhouse beginning March 18. Among distinguished guests expected to be present at Wednesday's cocktail party are Gertrude Lawrence, Gloria Swanson, Vinton Freedley and other stage celebrities.

(SEE PAGE TWO FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMING EVENTS)

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****COMING EVENTS****

Wednesday, March 28 -- General Sir William Duthie Morgan, chief of Britain's military staff in Washington from 1947 to 1950, will speak to the Overseas Press Club at a luncheon meeting to be held at the Warwick Hotel. Just returned from the Far East where he studied the military situation, General Morgan will talk on England's military position in the struggle for Western Europe.

Unconfirmed Date in Mid-April - Television's intellectual glamor girl, Faye Emerson -- who will just have returned from a tour of Europe -- will bring to the OPC some of her observations while abroad.

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

Who's Who Committee Meeting Clubrooms Monday, March 19, 6:15 PM

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

ACTIVE: Walter G. Wisbecker, correspondent, American Broadcasting Company. Italy, January 1948 to date for ABC. Proposed by JOSEPH ROSAPEPE; seconded by JACK L. BEGON.

Arthur B. Rickerby, NEA-Acme. Japan, China, 1947 to 1948; England, France, 1948; Cuba, 1949; Germany, 1949; Formosa, Japan, 1950; all for NEA-Acme. Proposed by BERT BRANDT; seconded by WILLIAM P. GRAY.

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The chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to Active membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidate:

WILLIAM MCCLURE, Warner-Pathe News

DEADLINE FOR PETITIONS
FOR OPC NOMINATIONS IS
MARCH 19: FIVE DAYS!

Only five days remain within which Active Members may nominate candidates by petition for the OPC Presidency and other offices. Deadline for receipt of the petitions -- initiated by an Active Member and signed by five others -- is Monday, March 19. Candidates

named by petition or by the Nominations Committee will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 26.

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Club Headquarters this week also issued a second reminder to overseas Members or those who expect to be away from New York on April 26. Absentee ballots will be available to such Members but requests for ballots to be mailed must be received by April 12. Filled-in ballots, due back in Club offices not less than 24 hours before the Annual Meeting, will be opened by elections inspectors at the Meeting.

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Have you sent in your ballots for the 1951 Overseas Press Club Awards? Chairman JOHN BARKHAM of the Awards Committee reminds all Members that Monday, March 26, is deadline for return of ballots. Any Members who did not receive ballots should communicate with Club Headquarters at once.

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BOARD TAKES STAND
ON LA PRENSA ARRESTS;
OTHER BUSINESS NEWS

OPC's Board of Governors at its monthly meeting March 12 voted to register a strong protest at the infringement on press freedom by the Argentine Government in connection with the arrest and imprisonment of two U.S. correspondents covering La Prensa riots. President LOUIS P.

LOCHNER was instructed to dispatch the following message to the U.S. Secretary of State and UN Secretary General Trygve Lie, with a copy to the Argentine Ambassador to the U.S.:

"The Overseas Press Club, representing some 700 American foreign correspondents, strongly protests the violation by the Government of Argentina of the traditional rights of U.S. correspondents abroad. The arrest by Argentine authorities of two U.S. newsmen, who covered riots by La Prensa employes, in pursuance of their normal duties and their subsequent sentencing to 30 days imprisonment for allegedly inciting a disturbance, is a flagrant affront to the American free press and gross infringement on the privileges customarily enjoyed by foreign correspondents. Their tardy release in no way mitigates in favor of the Argentine Government. Without passing on the merits of the Prensa dispute, the Overseas Press Club cannot overlook this attempt by Argentine officials to intimidate and coerce two U.S. correspondents, one of whom is a member of this organization. (FRANK SHEA of Time and Life). Therefore, the Board of Governors of the Overseas Press Club urges that representations be made to the Government of Argentina to prevent a repetition of such conduct."

Main subject of discussion at the meeting was the OPC's financial situation. Treasurer JOSEPH J. WURZEL, after presenting a report on Club income and expenditure, warned that drastic economies must be initiated at once to relieve the unfavorable balance between receipts and costs. The year's estimated income is about \$15,250, while expenditures have soared to at least \$20,600. Loss of television revenue, zooming prices of office supplies, and increased costs of operation in virtually every Club department, he explained, were responsible. He enjoined sharp economies on all committees and personnel. President LOCHNER, as part of the overall picture, pointed out that the past year has been one of unprecedented activity -- an increased number of Club weekly functions, the reactivation of dormant committees and creation of new ones and other broadened services to members.

After considerable discussion, therefore, the Board of Governors invoked By-Law provisions in Article XII to raise the dues of Active, Associate and Guest Members by \$5, thus establishing the annual dues in the respective categories of \$20, \$30 and \$30. At the same time, the Board explored other projected economies in connection with Headquarters operation, personnel and publication of The Bulletin, as well as discussed new methods of securing additional revenue.

The president also reported to the Board that Columbia Broadcasting System had underwritten this year's George Polk Memorial Award with a \$500 grant, the amount awarded previous winners.

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FOR RENT: Large, sunny bed-living room. Share rest of apartment. East 84th Street. Offered by OPC woman Member. \$50 a month. Telephone the Executive Secretary at Club Headquarters, Longacre 4-0174.

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EUGENE S. JONES, who with his twin brother, CHARLES JONES, comprises NBC-TV's famous combat cameramen team, has just been advised of the award of a Purple Heart by Lt. Gn. Matthew Ridgway, 8th Army commander in Korea. Last fall EUGENE was honored by the Marine Corps with the first Purple Heart won by a civilian since World War II. Both brothers are now on assignment for NBC-TV and the State Department in Europe...Add to "Our-Prize-Winning-Colleagues" Department: CARL MYDANS, Life photographer, who received a Freedoms Foundation award for his Korean war picture, "Freedom is Expensive"....

Due in New York today from the West Coast is RICHARD TREGASKIS, en route to cover writing assignments in Southeast Asia -- including Bangkok and Singapore...FRANC SHOR blueprinting a summer excursion to Greece and Iran for the National Geographic Magazine...

Founder Member BERTRAM J. PERKINS, European director for Fairchild Publications, arrived in New York from London March 5 for his annual visit. Veteran newsman WILLIAM WESTLAKE has been recalled to active duty as an Air Force colonel. Assignment: public relations advisor to the Department of Defense Munitions Board in Washington...

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(The Job Forum" is a service of the OPC's Placement Committee)

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The newly-wed RALPH CONISTONS at home at 35 Morton Street in New York...Just back from a lecture tour of the South for the W. Colston Leigh agency is HARRISON FORMAN...On March 20 ABC commentator PAULINE FREDERICK lectures at East Tennessee State College and at the annual Rotary dinner at Johnson City, Tenn. ...CHARLES W. WHITE is back with his post-graduate books at Indiana University after picking up some story assignments in the East...Address those get-well-quick cards to veteran Member ALBERT CROCKETT (428 Springfield Avenue, Summit, N.J.) who's been ailing with the virus! ...

NEWS OF THE NEWS ANALYSTS: Recently elected President of the Association of News Analysts, Maj. GEORGE FIELDING ELIOT, off to Paris to check on Western Europe for his MBS broadcasts...Mutual's CECIL BROWN just back from Miami...Washington commentator WALTER CRONKITE last week spoke before several hundred patients at the Forest Glen section of the Army Medical Center...

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Vice President JOHN DALY hard at work on a new five-day-a-week radio news commentary-- in addition to his other chores as actor and em-cee before the TV cameras...On a three-week swing through the Far West, Past President LOWELL THOMAS will broadcast his regular CBS news program from studios in Victor, Colo., Denver, Salt Lake City and Sun Valley, Idaho...Among guest speakers at the annual American Society of Newspaper Editors convention in Washington on April 21 will be KEYES BEACH of the Chicago Daily News who will talk on press coverage of the Korean war...Book reviewer LEWIS GANNETT shared in the honors last week when the New York Herald Tribune received the Publishers' Ad-club Book Reviewers Award for excellence in presentation of criticism and news of books...JESSIE STEARNS is new president of the Nebraska University Alumni Club of Washington, D.C.....

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OUR PROLIFIC COLLEAGUES: Co-author of a piece in the March Reader's Digest, "The Man Who Founded a People" (about a Protestant agricultural missionary who remade the face of Southern Rhodesia by combining faith and American know-how) is CLARENCE W. HALL....CURT L. HEYMANN with a special article, "Russia Must Resolve Many Problems Before She Can Launch a War", in the Los Angeles Times last month....The current Tomorrow magazine carries a story by MARY HEATON VORSE, who's spending the winter in Washington writing a book...MARY HORNADAY had an article on HAL BOYLE in the Christian Science Monitor for February 24 based on BOYLE's talk before the OPC last month...RUTH KARPF has just finished a piece on slavery for the Toronto Star as part of a series she's doing on "behind the scenes at the UN"...CRAIG THOMPSON's "The Tragedy of Ring Lardner, Jr." in the March Coronet....The Club's luncheon speaker Monday, Sean MacBride, Ireland's Minister of External Affairs, is profiled by ELLISEVA SAYERS in last Sunday's New York Times Magazine.

ROME DATELINE -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- WILLIAM

THE OVERSEAS TICKER : : DOERFLINGER has assumed his new duties as head of press and radio offices of the U.S. Information Services here. Formerly an associate editor of E. P. Dutton, DOERFLINGER served in

Italy during World War II with OWI. He replaces JOSEPH RAVOTTO, transferred to Washington... Rome writers still talking about TEMPLE FIELDING's fabulous ride on a special Italian train from Rome to Genoa. The trip was part of his and wife Nancy Parker's 120-day whirlwind tour of all Western European countries and Egypt for the next edition of his "Travel Guide to Europe". In Italy, the FIELDINGS managed to check conditions in Venice, Florence, Rome, Genoa, Naples, Capri and a few other points...

MICHAEL STERN returned recently from Germany where he gathered material for two book-length pieces for True magazine...OPC Members who attended the recent farewell dinner for departing U.S. Press Attache Gene Caprio included MICHAEL CHINIGO, bureau chief for INS and JOHN LUTER of Time-Life...George Palmer of AP went to Milan last week to cover the international figure skating competition...

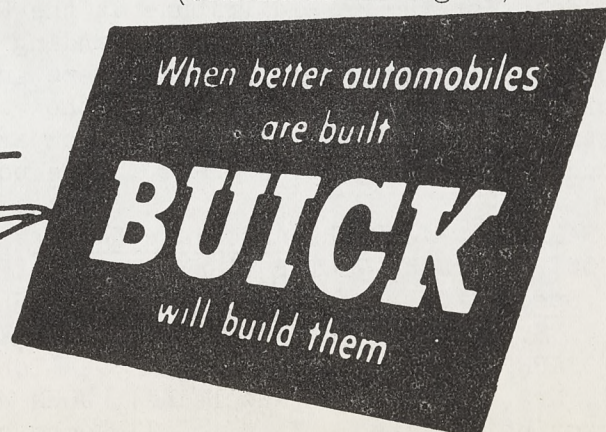
Lawyers for JACK BEGON, NBC correspondent and Rome Daily American publisher, have filed formal appeal of BEGON's conviction on a morals charge in connection with his firm's distribution of the 1951 Esquire calendar in that magazine's January issue. They point out that the American public for years has not considered the Esquire drawings "obscene pictures" whose distribution deserves a jail sentence....

Recent visitors to Rome have included DENNIS McEVOY of Reader's Digest international editions; Jack MacBeth of AP, returning from Korea via the middle East, and JOSEPH RAVOTTO, now with the State Department...U.S. correspondents covering the recent DeGasperi-Pleven meeting on the Italian Riviera included Alburn West of AP; Norman Montellier, UP bureau chief and Camile Cianfarra, New York Times. Walter Kerr of the New York Herald Tribune also came down from Paris.-- (JOSEPH ROSAPEPE). ---

From Belgrade, Member HELEN FISHER contributes a detailed, up-to-date report on activities of press correspondents in Yugoslavia: "The open season for visiting firemen in Belgrade is on! Seen around lately: STEPHEN WHITE of Look magazine, Constantine Hadjiargyris of the Athens Vima and the Christian Science Monitor (for which he by-lines pieces with the last half of his name.) He's the first correspondent to come to Belgrade from Greece with a regular entry visa since the war. Also Otto Zausmer of the Boston Globe, who made a quickie three-day stand here, and a flock of others.....

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"Just arrived here is Drew Pearson, while Alec Singleton of AP is due back next week from a long home leave, releasing his stand-in, Dick Kasischke, to return to Germany.. Audrey Poe and Sara Cudwell, the pair of energetic gals who cooked themselves up a European tour to inspect towns adopted by American communities (they made Editor & Publisher with their plans after graduation from Columbia School of Journalism) are about to wind up a Yugoslav stay scheduled for five days but now stretched to more than two months. They saw Marshal Tito on the strength of a letter from his aunt which Audrey acquired on a history-making visit aimed at proving the Marshal is really and truly a Yugoslav and not a Russian. The interview rated front-page attention in the Memphis Commercial Appeal. The girls, who are also doing a column for General Features, know everybody and have been everywhere in Yugoslavia, leaving a wake of flabbergasted males en route".

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TOKYO DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- MAX DESFOR, ace combat photographer, is now photo editor of the AP bureau here, replacing Bill Achatz, Jr., en route to the U.S. for reassignment...Another Statesider is KENNETH KANTOR of NBC's staff in Tokyo...CARL MYDANS of Life left March 8 for the U.S., as did GERTRUDE SAMUELS who left this week for her New York Times home office after doing several special stories in Korea....

On March 4 ROY ROWN, Time-Life, took off for the good, ole U.S.A. ... INS editor-in-chief Barry Faris now in Tokyo making an inspection of Far Eastern coverage, particularly in Korea... William H. Graham, New York Journal of Commerce correspondent killed when a Navy plane crashed in Korean waters recently, was buried in Yokohama at the request of a spokesman for next of kin. Services were arranged by the Navy...Ollie Atkins, official Red Cross photographer in Italy during World War II, is currently doing a picture job for the Satevepost in the Far East, and is shuttling between Korea and Tokyo. -- (JACOBUS TenBERGE).

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HOMER BIGART HONORED
AT CLUB COCKTAIL PARTY
HELD HERE LAST WEEK

More than 50 OPC Members and their guests attended a cocktail party in the Clubrooms last week to honor Homer Bigart, distinguished war correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune and winner of the first Overseas Press Club George Polk Memorial Award. Tanned and

healthy after a vacation in Florida, Bigart was warmly greeted by Club Members, several of whom had served with him in Korea. The modest correspondent leaves in about two weeks for Europe, where he will cover a wide beat from his base in Paris.

Answering questions informally, Bigart endorsed the view expressed by HAL BOYLE several weeks ago that "no victory can be won in Korea." With the number of troops we now have, Bigart stated, the U.S. cannot achieve a decisive defeat. Also, he said he was opposed to committing more troops to Korea than necessary to hold enemy forces, because it would weaken America's position elsewhere.

Bigart admitted he had received a "bushel of letters" in response to his Look article charging General MacArthur with poor military judgment in attempting to push an attack to the Manchurian border, saying he was amazed and appalled at the almost reverential respect many Americans hold for MacArthur.

Introducing Bigart, President LOUIS P. LOCHNER read a testimonial letter received that day from LEWIS B. SEBRING, JR., expressing his regret at not being able to attend the party. "My recollections of Homer", he wrote, "go back far beyond those of most persons in active newspaper work today, for I was night city editor of the New York Herald Tribune when he was a copy boy, but one of the things that stands out most in my mind was his devotion to his work and his unbelievable energy and perseverance on his first military assignment -- as a correspondent for the Herald Tribune at the First Army maneuvers in Northern New York in 1940. That was the start of his outstanding career as a military correspondent, and an auspicious one it was indeed. I was there supposedly as first correspondent for the paper, and Homer as second correspondent, but the work that he did in that initial assignment so far outstripped mine that there was no comparison, and it gave a clue to what he was to become and do on a world-wide scale. More power to him in his new assignment!"

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